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Tuesday
December 23, 1952

Staff meeting.

I had a talk with Reed Harris, who says [redacted] Dr. Compton is [redacted] dissatisfied over the IIA budget as now proposed.

Three lawyers from the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey met with Messrs. Fisher, Linder, and Metzger and myself, as well as two lawyers from the Department of Justice this morning. The Standard Oil lawyers were: Gerhardt Gesell of Covington, Burling, Arthur Dean of Sullivan and Cromwell, Taggart Whipple of Davis, Polk, Wardwell, etc., and the Justice lawyers were Messrs. Snyder and Welsh.

In connection with Judge Kirkland's order for the production of documents in the oil cartel case, the Standard lawyers asked whether we would undertake to negotiate with those foreign countries in which their company is carrying on operations to have permission given S.O.N.J. to produce the papers required. This company has oil operations in 94 foreign lands, and feels [redacted] it would give rise to profound misunderstandings, and also would be ineffective if S.O.N.J. undertook this operation on its own.

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We told the lawyers [redacted] we would consider the matter and answer them in principle tomorrow. They left a draft of a proposed formal request to us to undertake this action.

Ridge Knight and I went down to [redacted] fish lunch there.

There were [redacted] Christmas parties around the Department this afternoon.

E. and I went to see a movie, the "Prisoner of Zenda".

Afterwards we had dinner at the Metropolitan Club -- the servants all left today for Staunton. Hill in the Wash. Number.

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